

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAMS

Please amend claims 1-16 as follows.

1. (currently amended) A table base, comprising:
  - a base having an aperture with internal threads;
  - a spider plate having an aperture with internal threads, [[; and]]
  - a column having an external surface, a first end having threads on the external surface for engaging the internal threads of the base, and a second end having threads on the external surface for engaging the internal threads of the spider plate; and  
a set screw for engaging at least one column end to the corresponding base or spider plate, wherein the set screw is oriented radially to the column end.
2. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein the base has a central hub surrounding the aperture.
3. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 2, wherein the base has a plurality of support veins extending from the central hub.
4. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of support veins terminates in a floor pad.
5. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 2, wherein the central hub is adapted to receive a set screw.

6. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein the spider plate has a central hub surrounding the aperture.

7. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 6, wherein the spider plate has a plurality of support arms extending from the central hub.

8. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of support arms has a plurality of screw holes for attaching the spider plate to a table top.

9. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 6, wherein the central hub is adapted to receive a set screw.

10. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein the base and spider plate are manufactured from cast iron.

11. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein an adhesive is applied to the threads.

12. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein the column is a tube.

13. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 12, wherein the column is manufactured from steel.

14. (currently amended) The [[A]] table base as set forth in claim 12, wherein the column is adapted to received the ~~has a plurality of~~ set screw holes.

15. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 1, wherein a first set screw engages the first column end to the base and a second set screw engages the second column end to the spider plate.

16. (new) The table base as set forth in claim 15, wherein the base is a unitary structure and wherein the spider plate is a unitary structure.